



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

April 28, 2005

D.T.E. 05-27

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion pursuant to General Laws c. 164, § 94, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq. as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following tariffs: M.D.T.E. Nos. 34 through 68, filed with the Department on April 27, 2005 by Bay State Gas Company.

The Department, after review, consideration and study of the afore-mentioned filing, has determined that further investigation is necessary. It is therefore

ORDERED: That the operation of the rates and charges set forth therein be suspended and the use thereof deferred until December 1, 2005, unless otherwise ordered by the Department, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of this order be filed with the tariffs at the Office of Rates and Revenue Requirements Division of the Department and a copy be forthwith served upon Bay State Gas Company.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Paul G. Afonso, Chairman

/s/

James Connelly, Commissioner

/s/

W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

/s/

Judith F. Judson, Commissioner